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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING

1. SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF FROM FRANKFURT THIS MORNING OF THE LUFTHANSA 707 WITH THE FIVE RELEASED PRISONERS AND ALBERTZ ON BOARD, FRG SPOKESMAN BOELLING MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEMANDS OF THE BERLIN TERRORISTS TO ALLOW DEPARTURE FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF PRISONERS NAMED BY THEM WERE MET IN THIS CASE AFTER THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF ALL LEGAL ASPECTS IN ORDER TO SAVE A HUMAN LIFE. THIS DECISION, WHICH WAS ALSO APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY POLITICIANS FROM ALL FOUR POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE BUNDESTAG WHO WERE ASSEMBLED LAST NIGHT AT THE CHANCELLOR'S HOUSE, WAS TAKEN BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE AFTER OVERCOMING THE GRAVEST RESERVATIONS. THE DECISION SHOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE KIDNAPERS AND OTHER TERRORISTS. THE LAENDER GOVERNMENTS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH ARE OBLIGATED TO UPHOLD THE

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DEMOCRATIC RULE OF LAW HAVE NOT THEREBY GIVEN THE

TERRORISTS CARTE BLANCHE. ALL POLITICIANS WHO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR COUNTRY AND WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DECISION OF THE LAST FEW HOURS ARE AGREED ON THAT WITHOUT RESERVATION. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: MAIN PURPOSE OF STATEMENT IS CLEARLY TO SPREAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISION TO MEET THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OUT OF GERMANY AS BROADLY AS POSSIBLE AMONG ALL POLITICAL PARTIES.
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